

PROBABLE JOINT CONFERENCE OVER EASTERN QUESTION

ENGLAND AWAITING IT

It Has Been Said in Official Circles That it Would Be Reasonable to Assume the United States, China and Japan Would Be Sounded by Great Britain.

London, July 8.—Great Britain, it was said here in a quarter usually possessed of reliable information, is believed to have made overtures to the United States, Japan and China on the possibility of a conference to discuss the Anglo-Japanese treaty.

If this is correct it might explain what Premier Lloyd George meant yesterday when he stated in the house that he was awaiting reply from America and China before replying to the House.

Officials declined to comment upon the nature of any communications with the United States and Japan. It is said in those circles it would be reasonable to assume these countries would be sounded before Great Britain would show her hand.

The policies of England are expected to be forthcoming Monday, when Premier Lloyd George makes his promised statement. This statement is said to be a very "comprehensive one."

TWO STRANGERS IN DEMPSEY'S CORNER?

Chicago, July 6.—Jack Dempsey, who arrived here today for a short visit on his way to his home in Salt Lake City, said that two men mysteriously put in their appearance in his corner in the third round of his fight with Carpenter last Saturday with the intention, he believed, of throwing a towel in the ring to create a disorder.

"One man had a towel in his hand," said Dempsey, "and my friend Mike Trant, questioned them. The men told Trant Rickard had put them there. Trant did not credit the story and had the police take them away. I believe these men intended to throw the towel into the ring from my corner, creating a scene of disorder."

"Before we entered the ring, Referee Harry Ertle told Carpenter and myself the battle must be decided on its merits and he would not recognize a victory for either man unless Kearns or Descamps came into the ring over the ropes with a towel in his hand."

IRISH CONTINUING THEIR CONFERENCE

Irish Republicans and Southern Unionists Are Trying to Ad- just Differences.

Dublin, July 8.—The conference between Irish Republican and Southern Unionists called by Eamon De Valera begun in Dublin July 4 was resumed here today. The personnel of the conference is the same as that Monday. Mr. De Valera, Arthur Griffith and four of the Southern unionists, Earl Middleton, Sir Maurice Dockrell, Sir Robert Henry Woods, and Andrew Jamison. Mr. De Valera was the first to arrive. He was loudly cheered as were all other conferees by the large crowd which had gathered about mansion house where the sessions are held. Lord Mayor O'Neill welcomed the delegates who began their deliberations immediately.

CONTINUED WARM AND PARTLY CLOUDY.

For North Carolina: Continued warm and partly cloudy weather to night and Saturday with gentle variable winds.

HARDINGS OBSERVE THEIR 30TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Washington, July 8.—Today was the 30th anniversary of the marriage of President and Mrs. Harding. No formal celebration was arranged.

They were married at the same house in Marion from which the front porch campaign was conducted last year and Geo. B. Christian, Jr., now secretary to the President was chief door-keeper.

FIVE MILLION IN GOLD ON HIGH SEA

There is Now in the United States One Third of All the Gold in the World.

New York, July 8.—There is a golden opportunity at sea for the buccaners which some people believe have been stealing ships on the Atlantic recently. Five steamers in the Atlantic plying to New York have more than five million in gold to be delivered to American banking houses. All are passenger ships and are heavily manned and banked have no fear of pirates looking for pieces of eight.

Already this week nearly eleven million in gold has been unloaded from steamers here. By the middle of July almost four billion will have been imported since the first of the year.

More than three billion, two hundred million in gold is stored in the United States, the largest amount ever stored in this country at one time and one third of all the gold in the world.

ANOTHER STEAMER HAS DISAPPEARED

The Munson Line Has Lost Communication With One of Their Vessels from Rio.

New York, July 8.—Broadcast radio messages were sent out today by the naval radio station seeking news of the passenger steamship Callao which is due here Sunday from Buenos Aires and Rio, de Janeiro with 60 passengers. Failure of the Munson line, her operating agents to get in touch with her by wireless for more than 3 days has created some anxiety. It is suggested lack of news from the ship might be due to a breakdown of her radio equipment. The ship's radio has a transmitting range of 500 miles.

SUICIDES IN NEW YORK

New York, July 8.—Suicides in New York were more prevalent among married than single people in 1920. It was shown in the report of the chief medical examiner Morris, that the total number for the year was placed at 707. Of the victims 352 were married and 185 single of these 100 were widows and 2 divorced, and 68 whose social status was undetermined. The figures for the first six months this year show 90 more killed themselves than during the corresponding period last year.

LANE WORTH ONLY \$10,000

San Francisco, July 8.—The estate of Franklin K. Lane, will not total more than about \$10,000 according to the petition asking for its admission to probate of his will. The widow and son and daughter will share in the estate.

ROCKEFELLER HAS 82ND BIRTHDAY

Tarrytown, July 8.—John D. Rockefeller today celebrated his 82 birthday by playing golf during the morning hours. Despite the heat Mr. Rockefeller plays golf every day and is in the best of health.

KERNERSVILLE MAN DROWNED.

Winston-Salem, July 8.—Jasper Lamar, well known citizen of Kernersville, was drowned in a mill pond near Oak Ridge yesterday afternoon.

LEGISLATION FOR SOLDIER BONUS IS DEAD FOR PRESENT

ACTION TO COME LATER

The Only Question is When Can Such Legislation be Passed Consistent With the Condition of the Nation's Finance, Harding Really Favors It.

(By David Lawrence.)

Washington, July 7.—Soldier bonus legislation is dead at least so far as this session of Congress is concerned. The Executive branch of the government has warned Congress that such a measure at this time would strain the nation's finances and add to the difficulties of the country's business situation.

President Harding is more or less committed to a soldier bonus. He is on record to leaders of the American Legion advising them "not to worry about the bonus." But he could not give it his approval at this time. Secretary Mellon of the Treasury Department who has just written the Senate, a letter arguing against the passage of a bonus bill had the full support of Mr. Harding before he communicated with Congress. Mr. Harding was unable to run counter to the advice given him by the Treasury Department and for the present at least the legislation will be deferred.

Even without Secretary Mellon's letter there was no assurance that the soldier bonus bill would pass both houses. The plan was to rush it through the Senate of course and it may yet go through that body for moral effect but it is doubtful whether House leaders would have let it through at this time. Mr. Mellon's letter makes it easier however for administration forces in Congress to answer the demands of constituents for action on the bonus. They can make Mr. Mellon responsible and argue that as a financier and business man he ought to know what will and will not hurt the business situation.

But the interesting fact is that the soldier bonus question is by no means disposed of either by Mr. Mellon's letter or the attitude which Congress may assume. The movement has grown rapidly and while conservative minds inside the American Legion have doubted the wisdom of a bonus, the rank and file have been enthusiastically in favor of it and the Harding administration knows that sooner or later, either just before the congressional elections of 1922 or the presidential election of 1924 a soldier bonus bill must be passed to prevent the soldier bloc from voting in a body against the Republicans next time.

Nine out of ten political prophets hereabouts admit soldier bonus legislation is inevitable. The only question is when it can be passed consistent with the condition of the nation's finances. The trouble about the present proposal is that it makes no provision for the raising of the money. There is one bill providing four different ways by which the service men are to be rewarded—they can have money, homesteads, insurance or vocational training—and there is no way of telling whether the total cost to the government would be a billion and a half dollars or four billion dollars. It might be either figure. There are in Congress at least fifteen different bills proposing how the money shall be raised. These suggestions go all the way from plans to recover money received by the so-called "war profiteers" to the use of the billion dollars of interest owed by foreign governments to the United States on the war debt. Nobody knows exactly how money already spent by so-called "war profiteers" can be recovered and that suggestion hadn't much support except in the radical group in Congress. As for the interest on the foreign debt, there is no sign of money from that source and the

SCHOOLS' DEFICIT MAY NECESSITATE SPECIAL SESSION

Barrows' Assault Case Comes Up. State Traffic Association in Session in Raleigh Yesterday. Mr. Williams of Wilson Named a Director of the Association.

(By Max Abernethy.)

Raleigh, July 8.—Prospects of a special session of the Legislature today switched from municipal to State, with Council of State members advancing the belief that early legislative aid will be necessary whether the cities and towns submit data that is convincing or not.

The \$650,000 deficit in the State's public school fund is, as State Superintendent E. C. Brooks declares, a State obligation and one that should be met by the State as soon as possible; if there is no authority for borrowing this money it is an even bet that an extra session will be called before the end of the summer. This will hold good regardless of whether there is a favorable report from the Council of State on the request of the municipalities for an extra session to correct an error of the last regular Legislature which invalidated the taxing features of the 1921 municipal finances act.

State officials who will advise with Governor Morrison are frank to say that unless a way can be pointed by the attorney general whereby the State Treasurer can borrow the money needed to cover the shortage in the

MARKETS

COTTON.

New York, July 8.—The cotton markets showed increased activity and firmness owing to improving reports from Manchester and talk of a better spot demand in the south. The market generally was from 8 to 10 points higher before the end of the first hour and from 20 to 29 points above last night closing.

New York, July 8.—Cotton futures opened steady. July 12.00, Oct. 12.72, Dec. 13.23, Jan. 13.31, Mar. 13.61.

The market at noon was as follows: Jan. 13.46, March 13.78, May 14.00, July 12.22, Oct. 12.86, Dec. 13.36.

The market closed at 2:15 as follows: Jan. 13.21, Mar. 13.53, May 13.67, July 11.95, Oct. 12.68, Dec. 13.16.

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STOCKS.

New York, July 8.—The feature of the stock exchange at the dull and heavy opening of today session was United States rubber common which fell 3 4-8 points. Mexican Petroleum, American Sugar, United Fruit and Bethlehem and Crucible Steels comprised the other backward issues with several motors.

chances are it will be from three to five years before any payments are made.

Nevertheless the Administration will have to think up some way of providing revenue some day to meet the demands of the soldiers. They feel that while they were abroad fighting those who stayed at home either made money or preserved their opportunities in life. To the argument that the government is already overloaded with war debt, the usual answer of the American Legion members is that there should be a reduction in the amount of money spent to run the government and not a few of the Legion leaders are heart and soul behind the disarmament movement, thinking that the government could well afford to pay the soldiers a bonus instead of preparing for war at a time when the whole world is financially and physically exhausted. So even in the bonus question the disarmament problem arises.

WOMEN MUST NOT SHOP IN BATHING SUITS

Muskegoan, July 8.—Mrs. Sarah McVeigh, police matron, has asked women to discontinue wearing bathing suits while shopping. Women recently appeared on the streets and also in some of the downtown stores clad in bathing costumes. The police matron announced that bath robes must be worn over bathing suits when the women appear on the streets.

AMERICANS SAFE MEXICO DECLARES

Chief of Mexican Cabinet Says No Danger of Rupture Be- tween Mexico and U. S.

Mexico City, July 8.—Official reassurance was given today that the Tampico situation does not contain any elements of danger to peaceful relations between the United States and Mexico.

"There is no need to give further thought to the subject," Secretary Calles, chief of the cabinet, said this morning. "The vessels (the United States warships at Tampico) belong to a friendly nation which merely seeks to protect its nationals and this is no reflection on our interests."

The secretary added that the Mexican government was strong enough to protect the lives of foreigners, and its nationals. It was absurd to think there was any danger.

A dispatch from Tampico says the United States ship, Cleveland arrived there during the night.

CABINET TAKES UP THE PROCLAMATION

Mr. Daugherty Presents Legal Information, No Decision Has Been Reached Yet.

Washington, July 8.—A tentative draft of the proclamation of a state of peace with Germany and Austria was taken to the cabinet meeting today by Attorney General Daugherty but it was indicated afterward the document might not be ready for the president's signature before next week.

It was stated the discussion revealed so many points of law have to be covered that a more exhaustive study would be necessary. Mr. Daugherty also took to the meeting a mass of information by experts of the department of justice and it is understood, the whole subject of what the proclamation should contain was considered in some detail and will be prepared by the attorney general as soon as possible so issuance of the proclamation may not be unnecessarily delayed.

Although most of the meeting was occupied with other affairs such discussion as there was on the peace proclamation showed that some of the advisors considered a proclamation unnecessary. The preponderance of opinion in high administrative circles seems to favor the proclamation, but it is believed no final decision even on that point has been reached.

ARM NOW IN PRISON.

Columbus, Kans., July 8.—Alexander Howat and August Dorchy, president and vice president of the Kansas Miners union here today were sentenced to six months imprisonment and a fine of \$500 by Judge Bost in Cherokee county court. They were convicted last week of violation of the Kansas Industrial law by calling a strike.

DEMPSEY REFUSES TO FIGHT A NEGRO.

Omaha, July 8.—Jack Dempsey, world's heavy weight boxing champion, who passed through here today on his way to Salt Lake City in a statement to newspaper men said he was unwilling to fight Jack Johnson or "any other negro."

NET OF EVIDENCE TIGHTENS CLOSER ABOUT MRS. KABER

NURSES GIVE TESTIMONY

It Is Alleged That Mrs. Kaber Gave Poison to Her Husband in an Attempt to Kill Him. He Was Violently Ill When She Gave Him Candy or Served His Meals.

Cleveland, O., July 8.—Testimony considered by the state to be of vital importance in establishing its claim that Mrs. Eva Katherine Kaber first attempted to kill her husband by poisoning was given by Miss Crystal Benner, a nurse who attended him.

Miss Benner said she attended Mr. Kaber also at the hospital where he had been operated on to ascertain whether he was suffering from cancer. He did not have cancer she said. While he always had vomiting spells while eating foods at his home served him by Mrs. Kaber, Miss Benner testified he never vomited after eating at the hospital and that was after Mrs. Kaber had visited him. She said he told her Mrs. Kaber had given him candy. Miss Benner said Mrs. Kaber called by telephone at 2 o'clock in the morning after the visit to inquire after his condition. This was the only time she ever called to inquire about him.

Miss Emma Wagoner, a nurse in the Kaber home testified that Mr. Kaber became violently sick after eating candy given him by Mrs. Kaber. She declared he always became ill after eating. She said she generally prepared his food but Mrs. Kaber served it.

GREAT RUSH TO GET OUT OF THE ARMY

Columbia, S. C., July 8.—More than 50 per cent of the men at Camp Jackson, whose personnel totals over 14,000, have made application for discharge, according to official statement from the camp. Not all of these will be honored, however. In one regiment the applications have reached 80 per cent. The smallest is 30 per cent.

BANDITS ROB BANK.

Des Moines, July 8.—Five bandits entered the Coulter State bank of Coulter Iowa, early today and fired five charges of nitro-glycerine and escaped with \$5,000. A posse started in pursuit, but turned back when the bandits fired on it.

COAST LINE MEN GET CUT IN PAY

Every Employee From Presi- dent Down Gets Cut, Every- body is Good Natured.

Wilmington, July 8.—Orders effective as of July 1 for a wage cut probably approximating 12 per cent for all employees of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad from the president on down and affecting about 23,000 people have been issued according to official announcement by Lyman Delano, executive vice president here.

It is stated that every employee has accepted the cut with good grace and the utmost good will prevails between the management of the road and employees.

"It will be a month before we know the exact percentage of the cut and the amount saved in operating expense declared Mr. Delano.

THEDA BARA MARRIED

New York, July 8.—Theda Bara, the siren of the films is a bride. Her friends learned today she had been secretly married Saturday at Greenwich to C. J. Brabin, director of her pictures.